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EPA Reaffirms Clean Water Permits Not Needed for Water Transfers

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing a rule to clarify that permits are not required for transfers of water from one body to another. Such transfers include routing water through tunnels, channels or natural stream courses for public water supplies, irrigation, power generation, flood control and environmental restoration. More information on the new rule can be found at [EPA's NPDES Web page](#).

Air Quality: Revisions to the Definition of VOC.

The EPA has initiated action to revise its definition of volatile organic compounds (VOC) for purposes of preparing state implementation plans to attain the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for ozone under Title I of the Clean Air Act. This proposed revision would add methyl bromide to the list of compounds excluded from the definition of VOC on the basis that these compounds make a negligible contribution to tropospheric ozone formation. For more information regarding this action, contact [Dave Sanders](#).

Standards for the Safe and Environmentally Protective Placement of CCP as Minefill in Coal Mines

The EPA has initiated action as part of a joint rulemaking effort with the Office of Surface Mining of the Department of Interior using a combination of regulatory authorities available under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (SMCRA) and the Resource

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Conservation and Recovery Act (Subtitle D). Specifically, EPA is considering performance standards for the environmentally protective placement of coal combustion products (CCPs) for filling surface or underground coal mines, referred to as minefilling, not regulated under SMCRA. More information on this action can be found by contacting [Bonnie Robinson](#).

Amendments to the NSPS for Portland Cement Plants

On May 30, 2008, EPA [proposed amendments](#) to the new source performance standards for Portland cement plants. These amendments reduce the emissions of criteria pollutants, such as particulate matters, nitrogen oxide and sulfur dioxide.

Public Hearing on the Proposed Revision to the NAAQS for Lead

EPA held public hearings Thursday, June 12, 2008, in Baltimore and St. Louis to take comments on the agency's [proposal to dramatically strengthen the nation's air quality standards for lead](#). The agency also will accept written comments through July 22, 2008.

Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) Compliance Tip

If you choose to print your own DMRs instead of using the preprinted copies supplied by the [Division of Water](#), please make sure to list the correct Kentucky Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit number. For assistance on this issue, contact Kathy Thurman or Vickie Prather at 502-564-3410.

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